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SUBJ: MBFR:OPTION III: PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS:

SPC MEETING NOVEMBER 17

REF: A) USNATO 5939 DTG 031615Z NOV 75; B) MBFR VIENNA 276

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1. AT NOVEMBER 17 SPC MEETING, DUTCH REP (MEESMAN) SAID
TOA THIS AUTHORITIES WELCOMED THE NEW FRG TEXT ONPHASE II REDUCTION
COMMITMENTS (REF A) WHICH FRG HAD INTRODUCED AT THE PREVIOUS
MEETING. THEY THOUGHT THAT THE FRG WORDING MIGHT SERVE AS
THE BASIS FOR ALLIED AGREEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, HE
HAD NO SPECIFIC COMMENT ON THE WORKING AS YET.

2. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES ALSO LIKED
THE NEW FRG WORKING. HOWEVER, THE SECOND SENTENCE IN THE
FOOTNOTE MIGHT NOT PERMIT THE ALLIES TO INFORM THE OTHER SIDE
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OF THE APPORTIONMENT OF ALLIED REDUCTIONS BETWEEN THE END
OF THE NEGOTIATION AND BEFORE SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT,
AS BELGIUM WISHES. HE THEREFORE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF THAT
SENTENCE BY THE FOLLOWING: "THE ALLIES AGREE THAT CONSE-

QUENTLY, INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE WITH THE EAST,
NOR WOULD THEY BE RECORDED IN THE AGREEMENT."

3. FRG REP (CITRON) SAID THAT THE BELGIAN PHRASE "ARE NOT
NEGOTIABLE" WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE FRG, SINCE THE
PHRASE COULD STILL LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN FOR INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS.
FRG WOULD PREFER ITS OWN PHRASE THAT INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS
WILL NOT BE PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS".

4. MEESMAN TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT ALTHOUGH THE DUTCH WOULD
PREFER EVENTUAL ALLIED AGREEMENT THAT
REDUCTION COMMITMENTS BE INDIVIDUAL, IF THE EAST AGREES
TO THE COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILING, THE DUTCH ARE
BEGINNING TO THINK THAT THE FRG WILL NEVER AGREE TO SUCH
A POSITION. THE DUTCH ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE FRG MAY INSIST
ON AT LEAST INTERNAL ALLIED AGREEMENT TO REJECT INDIVIDUAL
REDUCTION COMMITMENTS AS A CONDITION FOR FRG APPROVAL
OF OPTION III. THE DUTCH THEREFORE MIGHT BE ABLE TO AGREE
TO THE SECOND SENTENCE IN THE FRG TEXT (REF A). HIS
AUTHORITIES SEE THE FRG TEXT AS A STEP TOWARD THE APPROACH
IN PARA 16 B OF THE AHG REPORT TO THE NAC ON PHASE II
REDUCTION COMMITMENTS (REF B), WHEREBY THE ALLIES WOULD DECLINE
TO DISCUSS THE NATURE OF PHASE III REDUCTION COMMITMENTS AT THIS
STAGE, BUT WOULD SAY THAT, IF THE EAST AGREED TO A COLLECTIVE
COMMON CEILING, STATEMENTS COULD BE MADE PRIOR TO SIGNATURE
OF A PHASE II AGREEMENT GIVING EACH SIDE INFORMATION AS TO HOW
THE OTHER INTENDS TO DISTRIBUTE ITS REDUCTION. MEESMAN WAS
AWARE THAT THE FRG HAS NEVER SAID THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO HAVE
SUCH STATEMENTS MADE PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF A PHASE II AGREEMENT.
HE UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE CONSIDERING AMENDMENTS
TO THE FRG TEXT WHICH WOULD MAKE IT MORE COMPATIBLE
WITH PARA 16 B OF THE AHG REPORT TO THE NAC.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON THE FRG TEXT IN TIME
FOR SPC MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20. BRUCE

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